

Social and Personal

Colonel and Mrs. Thomas Smith, of Warrenton, are stopping at the Jefferson Hotel for some time. They have been in New York for a portion of the winter season and will probably go South for a short stay before returning to their home in Warrenton. Mrs. Smith spends a part of every winter in Richmond, where she has a number of relatives and friends and is extensively entertained.

Back from Wedding Trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Rehr, who have been spending their honeymoon in Florida, returned to Richmond Saturday day, and are the guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. Kaufmann, at 215 West Grace Street, for several days. Mrs. Rehr was formerly Miss Carrie Kaufmann, of this city, and her marriage, which took place last month, was a very brilliant event. Mr. and Mrs. Rehr will leave this evening for their home in New York City.

Miss Watkins Engaged.

Mrs. Robert Wharton Watkins has announced the engagement of her daughter, Katherine Cecilia, to Philip Prior Lippcomb, the wedding to take place in the latter part of April. Mrs. Watkins and her daughter will come to Richmond on Friday of this week from their home in Halifax county. They will be the guests of Dr. and Mrs. Ben Roebuck during their stay in this city.

Girls' Club Tea.

The Girls' Club tea room in the palm garden of the Jefferson Hotel continues to be the rendezvous for fashionable society in the afternoon. Friday afternoon a number of pretty tea parties were entertained. The tables were arranged with bowls of violets and jonquils, and Mrs. William Northrop, Miss Gretchen Nolting and Miss Elizabeth Davenport were hostesses. Misses Fanny and Della Beverley, of Essex county, were entertained at one tea party and Miss Wilmette Cossy, of Brooklyn, New York, who is visiting Mrs. T. A. Miller, at Westhampton, was guest of honor at another. Others noted were Mrs. Douglas Vander Hout, Miss Lora Crump, Miss Daisy Boykin, Miss Helen Adams, Mrs. Levin Joyner, Miss Arthur Joyner, Miss Mary Butler, Mrs. Hugh Rose, Miss Cora Younger and others.

Miss Cossy will remain in Richmond for several weeks. Miss Fanny Beverley left Saturday for Fredericksburg, where she will attend a dance and spend several days with relatives, before returning to Blandfield. Miss Della Beverley will be the guest of Mrs. Carter Hooton in Glen Park for the remainder of this week.

Approaching Marriage.

The marriage of Miss Sally Irving Harris and the Rev. John Alexander MacWhinney will take place on Tuesday evening, March 5, at the home of the bride at 25 West Grace Street. No cards have been issued, and only the

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immediate family and a few intimate friends will witness the ceremony.

Concerning Miss Higgins.

Miss Marie Higgins is quite ill at her home on Governor Street in this city. Miss Theresa G. Higgins, who was recently operated on at the Memorial Hospital for appendicitis, is now much improved and will shortly be moved to her home on Governor Street.

Marriage Announced.

The Washington Post of recent issue contains the following article of interest to society in Richmond:

"Mrs. Proctor, of the Congressional, announces the marriage of her daughter, Mrs. Katharine Maude Cooper, to Arthur Fisher Smith, son of the late Judge John E. Smith, of Westminster. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Dr. Frank M. Gibson, only the mother of the bride and immediate relatives of the bridegroom being present."

"Mrs. A. F. Smith is the daughter of the late Edward Pollock, once a resident of Petersburg, and a granddaughter of the late Archdeacon Pollock, of Chester Cathedral, England."

Birthday Party.

In honor of her second birthday, Miss Alfred Ferguson entertained a number of friends at her home, 2291 Park Avenue, Thursday afternoon, February 22, from 4 to 6.

The color scheme, green and white, was carried out in table and house decorations.

The guests were: Mildred Gates, Dorothy Lane, Jeannette Behle, Ann Benson, Mary Brown, Virginia Smith, Dorothy Atkins, Nell Atkins, Rebecca Frost, Lily Davis, Della Moore, Ellen Gordon, Margaret Kern, Florence Hankins and Mildred Ferguson, John Lyons, Alexander Brown, Edwin Benson, Miss Byron, William Reeds, Edward Frost, Armstrong Coleman, Raleigh Mann Ferguson.

Assisting were: Rev. and Mrs. H. P. Atkins, Miss Rosa Moore, Dr. H. S. Gray, J. E. Ferguson, Mrs. E. M. Taylor and Miss Adelaide Taylor.

For Miss Turpin.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Skipton, of Ginter Park, entertained a number of their friends Saturday night in honor of their guest, Miss Mary Turpin. Mr. and Mrs. Skipton's guests included the younger society set in Ginter Park.

Leap Year Party.

A very pretty Leap Year party was given by Miss Carrie Stewart, on Thursday evening, February 29, at her home, 2 North Third Street. Decorations were in red hearts and palms. Eight tables were entertained and progressive hearts was played. Mrs. Tucker, of Petersburg, received the first prize, a handsome silk handkerchief packet, and Miss Clara Jeter received the last. Souvenirs were decorated with small hearts representing the number of the tables. According to Leap Year custom, the girls selected their partners, and music was rendered by Miss Ellison. Supper was served at 10 o'clock.

Among the guests present were: Dr. and Mrs. L. R. Temple, Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Tucker, Misses Alice F. Owens, Jessie Gibson, of New York; Nannie Marks, Annie Ellison, Maude Banks, Henchey, Mary Hargrove, Columbia, Hargrove, Clara Lee, Maude Jackson, Carrie W. Stewart, Messrs. W. M. Harris, James Simpson, Messrs. J. Jones, O. H. Gressman, Dr. R. Gregory, W. N. Beveridge, W. C. Crozier, N. B. Garland, C. C. Leach, W. Hargrove, E. Vaughan, J. W. Hamann.

Mrs. Hargrove, Mrs. Ruff and Mrs. Culbreth chaperoned the affair.

Visiting Here.

Misses Rosalie E. Grymes, of Hampton, and Isabel Williams, of Wilmington, N. C., are the guests of Mrs. Henry Garland Proctor, at her home on West Grace Street. Much entertaining has been done in honor of Mrs. Proctor's guests, both of whom have visited in this city during the last two winters. Miss Grymes has been the guest of Mrs. Gilbert T. Day, in Norfolk, just previous to her arrival in Richmond.

Ginter Park Tea Room.

The Girls' Club of Ginter Park will serve tea on every Tuesday afternoon during Lent from 4 to 6 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Jean Sutton, on Seminary Avenue. Hostesses for these afternoon teas are Misses Louise Kellogg, Mary Porter, Grace Lily, Ethel Ostergren, Norma Woodward and Louise Baldwin. Those serving the guests will be Miss Anita Cussen, Mrs. Howard Sutton, Mrs. Pickett, Mrs. Gardner, Mrs. Crutchfield, Mrs. Wilkinson and Mrs. Cox.

Interesting Lecture.

A very interesting lecture will be given under the direction of the Richmond Educational Association at the John Marshall High School on Tuesday evening, March 5, at 8:20 o'clock. William F. Yust, head librarian of the Louisville Free Public Library, will lecture. His lecture will be illustrated with stereoscopic views of public libraries of other cities, particularly those of Louisville and Atlanta. Mr. Yust is an expert librarian of long experience, and a large number of people will be present at his lecture. Dr. J. C. Metcalf will introduce the speaker.

Addresses Club Meeting.

The Rev. E. P. Osgood, of Emanuel Church, Henrico county, will address the Ginter Park Woman's Club on Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. His subject will be the "Four Greatest Cathedrals in England—York, Canterbury, Lichfield and Durham." Mr. Osgood will illustrate his lecture with photographs. Mrs. Osgood is chairman of the afternoon.

Miss Ledy Entertains.

Miss Mabel Ledy, of 2820 East Franklin Street, entertained about thirty of her friends at a leap year party last week. The color scheme in the decorations was red and white. The table in the dining room was decorated with red cupids and ferns. Leaves for Baltimore.

Ellis Marks left Richmond yesterday morning for Baltimore, where he will be married this afternoon at 1 o'clock to Miss Jennie Glick, of that city. The ceremony will take place at Brismadras Hagadol Synagogue, and a reception will follow at Clayette Hall. Accompanying Mr. Marks to Baltimore were his brothers, Abe, Dave and Morris Marks, of the city; R. Marks, of Roanoke Rapids, N. C.; Harry Schwartz, Eugene Blotner and Frank Brothers.

Mr. and Mrs. Marks will spend their honeymoon in the North and West. Meeting this afternoon.

The Helping Circle of King's Daughters will meet this afternoon at 4

o'clock at the residence of Mrs. Moses Carter, 2301 East Broad Street. All members of this society are urged to be present.

In and Out of Town.
Mr. and Mrs. Stanford Hutchison, who spent their honeymoon in the South, have returned to Richmond.

Mrs. C. Augustus Simpson, formerly Miss Elizabeth Darlington, of Washington, is the guest of Misses Carrie and Elizabeth Willingham, on West Grace Street, this week.

Miss Conway Fleming is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. C. De Armond, at her home in Philadelphia.

Miss Nellie Stewart, who has been visiting in Richmond, is now the guest of Mrs. J. H. Harman, in Roanoke.

Mrs. W. H. Talbot has returned to Waynesboro, after a visit to her daughter, Mrs. R. Latimer Gordon, in Richmond.

Miss Annie Laurie Haynes has gone to Suffolk, where she is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Smith.

Misses Mary and Louise Hooton, who have been visiting Miss Ida Mason, have returned to Alexandria.

Mrs. W. D. Caldwell, of Ashland, has been the recent guest of relatives in this city.

Mrs. Scott Carter, of Warrenton, Fauquier county, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Funsten, at 1515 Monument Avenue.

Mrs. James C. Smith leaves to-day to spend several weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Mescham, in Brooklyn.

Miss Simms, of Louisa county, is the guest of her cousin, Miss Lucy Gwathmey, on West Grace Street.

Judge and Mrs. R. Carter Scott are at Atlantic City, where they will spend several weeks.

Miss Beattie P. Massie, of Amherst, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. C. W. Massie, on East Broad Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Vaughan, of Lexington, Ky., will be the guests of Mrs. L. N. Vaughan, at "Pasadena," near Ashland, this week.

Mrs. F. M. Saunders, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Allen Black, at Hollins, has returned to the city.

Miss Margaret Burnett, of 1410 Virginia Avenue, Highland Park, is very ill at her home.

Miss Folsom Clarke and Miss Nellie Clark have been recent guests of friends in Petersburg.

Miss Lou Belle Jones, who has been

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Hickory Grove, S. C.—"I was in bad health before I married," writes Mrs. Mary Pruitt, of this place, "but kept it a secret, as most young girls do. I am sure if I had taken Cardui, the woman's tonic, when I was young, I would not have gone through seven years of suffering."

Soon after I was married the trouble became so severe I was forced to seek relief. I tried every doctor I saw, and five different doctors in one town. They claimed they could cure me, but all failed, and we decided that I would never be well. I had such aching and drawing pains in my back, legs, sides and head that I would cry and scream, and tell my husband that I was going to die.

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visiting her sister, Mrs. John Amistead, in Norfolk, returned to Richmond yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. W. D. Carter and Miss Sally Carter, of Fredericksburg, are spending this week at the Jefferson Hotel.

"INTENTION" IS UPHELD BY COURT

Overlooks Irregularity of Will and Admits It to Probate.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Albany, March 3.—A decision which lawyers say is one of the most important in a will case in years has been handed down by the court of appeals, which reverses the surrogate in Brooklyn and the appellate division in the second department, and admits to probate the will of Warren B. Field, a Brooklyn chewing gum manufacturer, who died in 1910, leaving an estate of over \$10,000 to the American Society for Psychical Research. Probate had been refused to the will in the lower courts on the ground that the testator had not signed his name "at the end thereof," as required by law.

Mr. Field drew the will himself, and wrote it in long hand. He had obtained the printed form of a will, had filled in the top, and in the blank space provided for the provisions of the will, settled as per the provisions of the pages hereto attached and numbered from one to six inclusive, and this is to stand unchallenged and unchanged in any form provided I decease before I be drawn by my attorney.

Upon the blank space, numbered consecutively, the first of which began as follows:

"January 10, 1910. Provisions which I made in my will and which, should I die, should be put into effect, as though drawn in an iron clad legal form."

The bottom of the printed form was filled out legally and correctly, but the lower courts decided that the printed form must be regarded as the first page of the will, and as the testator's name was signed at the bottom of it, it was impossible to hold that the name had been signed at the end of the will.

Judge Varen, who wrote the unanimous opinion of the court, said that when read the way the lower courts would read it, the "instrument does not read naturally and consequently, and does not make sense. The natural order of the paper is reversed, and an artificial order substituted, not to aid, but to overturn the obvious intention."

The court concludes that the evil of fraudulent changes in wills is rare, and that of defeating wills altogether in the manner suggested is common. Hence we think we have gone far enough in the direction of rigid construction, lest in the effort to prevent wrong we do more harm than good."

WILL INSPECT MILITIA.
National Guard Officers Soon to Visit Asheville.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Asheville, N. C., March 3.—The members of the local military companies, hospital corps and regimental band, are showing a great deal of interest in the announcement which has been made from the office of the Adjutant-General of the State to the effect that within the next few weeks the annual inspection tour will be made by Captain A. J. Daugherty and Major Thomas Stringfield. During the year, a number of new drills and regulations have been added in the North Carolina military drills, and the local companies have expanded to a great extent. Modern rifle range has been built and equipped, and they are confident that they will make creditable showings in the annual inspection.

At a meeting of the Asheville Poultry and Pigeon Stock Association, which was held recently, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, J. A. Jacobs; Vice-Presidents, S. P. Mears and Dr. B. J. Durham; Secretary and Treasurer, Paul P. Brown; Assistant Secretary and Treasurer, Ralph E. Lee. The annual poultry show will be held this year on December 3, 4, 5 and 6.

The following officers have been elected by the Asheville Playground Association: President, Dr. George T. Winston; Secretary, A. G. Barnett. The organization is regarded as an early date to establish in this city public playgrounds in various sections for the use of children who have no places in which to spend their leisure hours. The movement has been on foot for several months, and the majority of the churches of Asheville and several of the organizations have pledged their co-operation.

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What They Have Comes Mostly From Their English Connections.

BY LA MARQUISE DE FONTENAY.

THE fracas which took place the other day at the Country Club at Nice, founded by Baron Meyronnet de St. Marc (who married Miss Ellen Wain, of Philadelphia), and the Marquis de Montebello, serves to call attention to the fact that there are two bearers of the latter title, namely, Maurice Lannes, the only son of the present and late Duke of Montebello, who is a grandson of Napoleon's celebrated Marshal Lannes, while the other is Louis Lannes, son of that Marquis de Montebello who was French ambassador, first at Constantinople, and afterwards in Russia.

Strictly speaking, Louis Lannes has no right whatsoever to the title of Marquis de Montebello, for his father only enjoyed it as the younger son of the second duke, and when he died it could not be inherited by his son, but should have reverted to the head of the house. It was this Marquis who, by law and custom, it is only the son of the duke who has the right to style himself Marquis de Montebello.

The Marquis Maurice de Montebello, that is to say, the only son of the duke, is a man of somewhat quarrelsome disposition, and of other than English territorial or reserve cavalry in the French army, and is married to a very rich Peruvian widow, who was born in Peru, of American parents of the name of Hay, and whose first husband was a Peruvian millionaire of the name of Dorado. This Marquis was engaged to marry vigorously against the establishment of the remains of Zola in the Pantheon, demanding permission, in the name of his father, the duke, and of his entire family, to be permitted to remove the remains of his great-grandfather, Marshal Lannes, from the Pantheon, if Zola was to find a last resting place there.

The Montebellos are perhaps the least aristocratic of the Napoleonic nobility, and while blue blood there is in their veins comes to them through their English connections, for the son of the marshal and his successor as Duke of Montebello, married Miss Eleanor Jenkinson, niece of that Earl of Devon who was Prime Minister of England from 1812 to 1827, and was the statesman chiefly responsible for the coalition against Napoleon, and for the latter's exile, first to Elba and afterwards to St. Helena.

The present duke is married to a French woman of mixed French and Irish ancestry, since, born at Cognac, her maiden name was Therese O'Farrell de la Grange Keith.

With regard to the other, self-styled Marquis de Montebello, that is to say, Louis, the son of the former ambassador, he is married to a daughter of the ancient house of Salguere Penelon, and is quite rich through his mother, who was a daughter of a shopkeeper, her father, old Guillemain, having been the owner of the popular dry goods store known as "Trois Quatre," opposite the Madeleine, in Paris. Her brother, Jean Guillemain, married the adopted daughter of old Benjamin Hart, of New York, and figured in the list which she brought against his estate after his death, for a larger share of his property than she had received.

The Guillemains now represent France in one of the South American republics. The widowed Marquis de Montebello, mother of Louis Lannes, in spite of her somewhat plebeian origin, played so much arrogance and contempt in her relations with the wives of the French ministers of state on the occasion of the memorable visit of the Emperor and Empress of Russia to Compiègne some years ago, that she cost her husband his position as French ambassador at St. Petersburg. She was for a time at Washington with her husband, when the latter was charge

d'affaires of France in the United States during the presidency of General Grant. Both the late marquis, when charge d'affaires in London, and the now widowed Marquis de Montebello, were the betes noires of Queen Victoria, and when there was a question of their returning either as ambassador and ambassadors, she caused the French government to be informed that they were persona non grata.

The antipathy of the Queen dated from the time of the death of the Prince Imperial of France. Montebello was then charge d'affaires in London, and had issued invitations for a grand dinner at the embassy. On the very day that the latter was to take place, news was received in London that the prince had been killed in South Africa by the Zulus. The Queen at once caused the French charge d'affaires to be notified that she desired him to postpone his dinner. Her message was equivalent to a command, since the duke was accredited to a court as considered part and parcel of the latter, subject to its rules and regulations, as well as to the wishes of the monarch in all matters relating to ceremonial etiquette.

Montebello, however, during which the postponement of the dinner would be misinterpreted by the government at Paris and ascribed to sympathies on their part with the Bonapartes, would thus interfere with promotion, turned a deaf ear to Queen Victoria's message, and gave the dinner, which proved a flat failure, as most of the principal guests excused themselves at the last moment from putting in an appearance. Queen Victoria was very angry, and gave expression to her anger in no measured terms, exclaiming, in referring to the marquis, "He should have remembered that it was the grand-uncle of the Prince Imperial who had raised his stable-boy of a grandfather to be a duke and a field marshal. These favors were bestowed upon him for his services to England, and the few sauces that would have been wasted if M. de Montebello had postponed his dinner."

Of course, the great Napoleon generously endowed the Dukedom of Montebello when he created it in favor of his favorite marshal, Jean Lannes, whose name and his achievements have red his sovereign's satisfaction over his great victory of Essling. But the foundation of the financial fortunes of the family is due to the formerly reigning house of Portugal. The marshal was at one moment ambassador of France at Lisbon, where his wife, the ex-washerwoman whom Sardou has portrayed as "Madame Sans-Gene" in his popular drama of that title, gave birth to a son, who afterwards became the second duke of Montebello, the father of the present duke. In his youth, with custom and etiquette, the Prince Regent of Portugal officiated as godfather to the child, and on the christening day, shortly before the ceremony, he happened while strolling through the royal palace with the marshal, to pass a room where a quantity of ancient diamonds which had just arrived from Brazil were being stored away. Opening a box which was full of these gems, the Prince Regent asked the marshal to hold up a few for him, and then, joining his hands together in prayer, in a bowl, filled them three times in succession with diamonds, as full as he could hold them, and emptied them the last, exclaiming: "This first handful is for my godson, the second for the ambassador, and the third is for the ambassador's wife." These diamonds were afterwards disposed of by the marshal for several millions of francs at Amsterdam, and constituted the basis of the financial fortunes of the house of Montebello, which have been vastly increased by the vineyard at Epervay, and the champagne concern there which bears their name, the label on the bottles being adorned with the ducal arms.

Those Americans who have been accustomed to attend state balls in England, during the last two reigns, will learn with interest that the style enforced by King Edward, both prior and subsequent to his accession to the throne, against reversing, has been repeated, and it is now tolerated not only at court, but also at other dances at which royalty is present, and which, in the social reign of Edward VI., which lasted from the time of his marriage, in 1559, until his death, in 1593, reversing was anathema, and the rule at court naturally extended to most of the London drawing rooms.

Royalty exercises a great deal of arbitrariness in these matters, and it will scarcely be believed that the rule was banned from the court of Berlin until the death of old Empress Augusta, about twenty years ago, owing to the fact that when her daughter-in-law, the Empress Frederick, first came to Berlin as a bride, in 1863, she had the misfortune to fall while waiting. This horrible Empress Augusta, who at once declared that she would never countenance a dance which placed a prince at the house of Prussia in so undignified a position.

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